Amount Deposited in Regional Rural Banks

†3440. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Rural Banks are scheduled banks;

(b) if so, whether such an information has been issued to all the Government departments and their attached departments;

(c) whether Government and semi-Government departments and institutions deposit their money in these banks; and

(d) if so, the deposited amounts of Government in all the 196 regional rural banks till 31st March, 2004 alongwith the bank-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) All 196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), which have been established under Section 3(1) of the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976, are Scheduled Banks, duly notified in the Gazette of India.

(c) It is for the RRBs, in the interest of their business of canvass for funds from Government Departments.

(d) The existing information system does not compile data in this form.

Rates of taxes on items under VAT System

†3441. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to determine tax under value added tax system which has been implemented since April 1, 2005; the rates have been fixed as 0.1 per cent, 4 per cent, and 12.5 per cent;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) the details of the items selected under each of the above categories; and

(d) the grounds for the above selection?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.